

EXCHANGE NOTES

St. Francois county offers the latest illustration of the reform spirit that has come over the saloon men. In that county, local option was really adopted; but through a technicality, the county court was permitted to continue licensing saloons. It was a narrow escape, and the saloon men knew it. So last week "The Liquor Dealers of St. Francois County," met and resolved, that every member will strictly obey all the statute laws of the state relating to dramshops; that should any member disobey the law, all others will assist in having him convicted; that gambling of every nature will be prohibited on their premises; that intoxicants will not be sold, directly, nor indirectly, to minors, drunkards or drunken men. The association requested the resolutions published in every county paper and every member of the association signed the pledge to enforce them. The result will be watched with interest.

Caruthersville Democrat: Joseph Golden and Vernon Cook of Portageville, two youths about nineteen years old, were lodged in the county jail here last night by sheriff Franklin, charged with stealing brass from a mill near Brinkerhoff, in this county. The sheriff secured a sack of the junk, which included a lubricator valued at \$40. If the boys are proven guilty they will likely be sent to the reform school. Young Cook is a son of C. P. Cook, a prominent merchant at Portageville.

Petitions to the Legislature for the submission of a statewide prohibition amendment to the constitution are being circulated for signatures under the initiative and referendum law.

The saloon men are contesting the local option law in West Plains. They say the notice of election was not legal.

The city council of Macon has refused to order an election to vote on local option for that city.

The Herald is located in the city hall, over the postoffice. Come to see us.

The Public Square

I don't want to be a knocker, and in fact I am not going to be. I just want to express my views, and I think every tax payer of Hayti has a right to be heard, and in as much as it would involve a great deal of time and prove to be a burden to the printer for everybody to speak through the columns of the Herald, I believe a better plan would be to call a meeting of the tax payers for the purpose of discussing the matter and making arrangements to have done what is finally agreed upon.

I have some views to express, and therefore promise a big speech at this meeting.

The meeting should be had at an early date.

P. S. RAVENSTEIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey are pleased with the arrival of a new boy.

Call for a bottle of Tip Top, Lemp's special brew, Caruthersville.

Constable Stapleton of Caruthersville was in Hayti Monday.

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Tom Lewis of Braggadocio attended to business in Hayti first of the week.

Call for a bottle of Tip Top, Lemp's latest and best special brew, Caruthersville.

Mitchell McNeal of Caruthersville is ill at the home of his father-in-law, Emmet Varner.

Highest market price paid for corn, shucked or unshucked. F. M. Perkins, Hayti, Mo. 6tf

Dove Martin of Pascola was here Saturday, and informed us that he would move near Kennett.

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Tom Smith, cashier for the Cunningham Store Co. of Caruthersville, attended to business in Hayti Monday.

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South vs. the North on Prohibition

By A CITIZEN

Paper No. 1.

You ask the question, "why the south has been leading the north in prohibition?" Now, if I did not think that I could answer this question intelligently I would not undertake it, but to do so would require more space than you would care to allow at one issue. I will, therefore, take the matter up in installments, the first of which will be the physical conditions of the two sections.

The Mason and Dixon line, if extended across the Atlantic and eastern continent, from whence the United States has gotten most of its people, it would divide the old world so as to give nearly the whole of Europe to the north, leaving a part of Spain, Portugal, Italy and nearly all of Greece, Northern Africa and South-eastern Asia to the south. The people in coming to the new world naturally sought for a climate similar to what they were leaving.

Mountain ranges, winds and ocean currents being favorable to Western Europe physically places that country about twenty degrees farther south, giving that much more for the south to draw from. It will thus be seen that the north is fathered by Northern Europe, including the countries of Great Britain, Germany, France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Northern Russia and Austria, while the south is content with the Portuguese, Spaniards, Italians, Greeks, Turks, Southern Russians and Northern Africans.

While the above is admitted the rule, it is not, however, strictly applicable. There are a great many Britishers in the south and several dagoes in the north, yet on account of the climatic conditions, the south has a great many more of the lower class of people than the north. The south is principally owned by large plantations (English Nabobs), while in the north there is a very few "share croppers," but in the country nearly every farmer owns the land he cultivates. The laboring class around the cities of the north are principally Germans, Swedes, Norwegians and Irish, while the labor of the south is mostly done by the Negroes, Dagoes, Greeks and Assyrians.

You will probably admit these facts, but you want to know what they have to do with the liquor question or prohibition?

Well, this being a Democratic government, the people rule, and when it is left to the popular vote, we are all reduced to a level. But in order to get at the aiming point, "why the south leads the north in prohibition?" I will first have to take up the subject of intoxicants and their usage. Wine, beer and brandy are the most prevailing of intoxicants, and if we will go back and search the pages of ancient history for the time of their beginning we will find that they have had a place in the world about as long as any other material thing known to man.

Beer, taken moderately and temperately, stimulates a man and cools and refreshes him in the hour of hard toil and without it the German, Swede, Norweigan, Dutchman and Dane thinks he could not live. A "can" is one of the necessities to a gang of bricklayers or hod carriers, and whiskey is used for many purposes and in many cases for benefit and good of humanity, as an aid and assistant to nature in combatting and throwing off bodily afflictions and weaknesses, but of the evil that may be caused from its intemperate use you all too well know.

The prohibition question is national; the good and the bad sides are discussed both north and south, but I haven't yet answered your question.

The south does not lead the north in prohibition because the north is silent on the liquor question, for the north is dealing with it in a different way and, I believe, are accomplishing equal if not better and more lasting results.

[NOTE: The question we asked was: "Why the south is leading the north in prohibition?" and not what the north is doing to regulate or otherwise control the traffic; not the good or the bad side of intoxicants, and not theory, opinion, or argument, but facts. We warn those answering this question to keep out of deep water and not to undertake any controversy. Be brief and to the point. No more long letters will be accepted. ED.]

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